

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG

**REQUESTING THAT A TASK FORCE BE
CREATED TO REVIEW AND REPORT BACK
TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON
REQUIRING BUSINESSES OPERATING IN
THE CITY OF ATLANTA SUBMIT A
RECYCLING PLAN AS PART OF THEIR
BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION
PROCESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is required by the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 to reduce 25% of its waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is doing its part with the collection of municipal solid waste which it is responsible for collecting along with its recycling program but has not reached the mandated goal of a 25% reduction; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia per capita disposal rate for municipal solid waste is 6.6 pounds per day more than twice the national average of 3.09 pounds; and

WHEREAS, a hotel will generate about 1.5 pounds of solid waste per day per room, each person produces about 3.5 pounds of solid waste per day, recycling one aluminum can saves the energy equivalent to one (1) cup of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, businesses operating in the City of Atlanta currently are not required to recycle while generating an excessive amount of solid waste which is annually deposited into the city's landfills (private); and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta's Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2005) in Section 3.3.14.5 of the document, it addresses the need for a comprehensive data and information gathering to assess the types of recycling programs that currently exist within the business community; and

WHEREAS, the separation of designated materials a source separation program (i.e. aluminum cans, plastic bottles, office paper, corrugated cardboard) would increase the recycling efforts of the City of Atlanta and decrease a major component going into our local landfills; and

WHEREAS, a mandatory Recycling Program with businesses operating in the City of Atlanta would provide a environmentally sensitive component in the city's effort to meet its recycling goal of reducing the amount of solid waste being introduced into the waste

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stream by 25% ; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Atlanta as well as the City of Atlanta would be favorably impacted if its corporate citizens stepped up to the plate and embraced a source separation program which would effectively remove certain items from ever reaching our landfills and save precious space at these facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That a Business Recycling Program Waste Task Force is hereby established for a time frame of nine (9) months effective upon approval of the Mayor.

SECTION 2: That a Business Recycling Program Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- The Mayor or her designee
- The President of Council or her designee
- Three (3) members of the public appointed by the Paired Council Districts (i.e. Districts 1-4 and Post 1 at Large, Districts 5-8 and Post 2 at Large and Districts 9-12 and Post 3 at Large)
- City Utilities Committee Chairperson or her designee
- Department of Public Works Commissioner or his designee
- City Attorney or her designee
- A representative of the Georgia Restaurant Association
- A representative of the Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association
- A representative of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
- A representative of the Atlanta Conventions and Visitors Bureau
- A Recycling Industry Service Delivery Specialist
- Representatives from the Solid Waste Industry
- A representative of the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Board
- Atlanta Planning and Advisory Board (APAB) President or his designee(s)

SECTION 3: That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.